Nashville August 25th 1884

Dear Dr Gray

Your long desired volume on Compositae has been received this afternoon, and I have turned over every page of it. I believe I have a Silphium which is not amongst your species, collected about 10 years ago in Franklin Co. Tenn.

The Solidago Gattingeri will come before your forum shortly again. I have cultivated two plants in my garden, which was transferred from Lesueur, and both specimens are just now beginning to expand their flowers. The specimens had been attentively cultivated, to give them a chance to grow to perfection, which they have evidently done. I will prepare for you as good specimens as can be made. The Crataegus will also be in the lot. For Strasburgers Practicum I have sent an order to Weigel, and will be glad to receive your advice as to work about comparative morphology. &c.

I can not afford to buy books which do for one time reading only or are collations only from other works like Bessey's whose 3rd Edition I have in hand.

With many thanks for your kindness I remain

Yours truly A Gattinger

Please find the P. O. for $5.00 included.